



Foggy Bottom News

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, APRIL 26

8 PM
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

URGENT

FB AREA RESIDENTS' RESPONSE NEEDED

The D.C. Municipal Planning Office is preparing a comprehensive city development plan. The Ward 2 draft includes only one reference to the Foggy Bottom area. Citizens and community groups are requested to comment. Ward 2 drafts are available from Municipal Planning office, 1329 E St. NW, D.C. 20004 or at 629 - 2411. Please Comment!

Parking Stickers

The latest word is that the Foggy Bottom Streets which have successfully petitioned to be included in the Residential Parking Sticker Program should be "signed" in late May. Well before that time each household will receive two applications for the program. (But you can only use one for each car you own.)

Several residents of the West End area have expressed a strong interest in the program and are currently preparing a petition campaign. Neighbor-areas included in the program after Foggy Bottom will have the same stickers, as the sticker is by ward.

Obituary

On Tuesday, March 30 at 2 PM, Mr. "Nick" Nichols, of Nichols' Superette, passed away. "Nick", who was born in Sparta, Greece, came to this country, at about age twelve, in 1912. An ardent opera lover, he lived above his store on 24th Street. The Superette has served the neighborhood about 15 years, and will remain open under the management of his nephew, Tom. "Nick" will be missed by all his friends and neighbors in Foggy Bottom.

Lets Make Foggy Bottom Shine!

This is a call for all Foggy Bottom residents who would like the neighborhood shine, for spring, for the Bicentennial, and just for the general enjoyment of all who live in or pass through the Bottom.

A community clean-up campaign is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 (or May 15 if it rains on the 8th), and willing helpers are urgently needed. What we envision is a massive picking-up of anything unsightly, and it will be done in cooperation with the city. If enough willing hands turn out, it should not be a drawn out proposition, perhaps taking no more than an hour or so.

We hope this is the beginning of a regular and long-lasting campaign to keep the neighborhood tidy, forming the basis for a small, dedicated group of people who would "pick up" certain small areas of the neighborhood on a regular basis. At present the campaign is planned for 9:30 in the morning and Ellie Becker, who is in charge of it, would appreciate your calling

her at 337-5528 to volunteer and get further details.

Come on out and help; it

will be great for the neighborhood and also good for your figure!



Home Improvement Contract Tips

Spring is an ideal time to make those home improvements that you have been putting off since last fall. However, don't sign a contract with the first contractor you locate or who knocks on your door, without first investigating the company for its reliability. Some tips, which can save you a lot of time and money in the future, are outlined to help you decide on the best deal.

Your first objective in selecting a contractor is to check his reputation by contacting other consumers who have used his services. What is his experience? Is he prompt in completing his contracts?

Choose three reputable contractors and obtain an estimate for the job from each. Make sure that each estimate is for exactly the same job, the same completion date and the same quality of materials.

Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been filed against those particular contractors you have in mind. Also, check with the District of Columbia Bureau of License and Permits to make sure each contractor is licensed. (Any

contractor who accepts \$300 or more in advance payment must be licensed.) From this information and your estimates you should be able to select the contractor best suited to your job and budget.

The second phase is the actual contract. Your first job is to read the complete contract and make sure you understand each section contained within it. Before you sign the contract check to see that the following items are included:

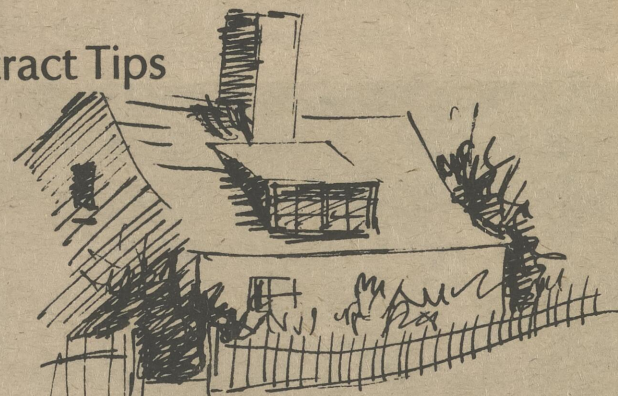
1. The Specifications of the service to be performed
2. The type and amounts of the materials needed to complete the job
3. The starting and completion dates
4. The total cost of the work contracted and any finance charges, including the schedule of payments (monthly, one complete

payment, etc.)

5. The warranty or guarantee on the work—insist that it be written out in detail as to what is and what is not covered

Your final step is to sign the contract. However, NEVER sign a contract that has any blank spaces in it. Don't submit to pressure salesmanship; take your time in making a final decision. If your contract is for a very large sum of money, it may be wise to have a lawyer look it over before you sign it. After you have signed the contract, obtain and keep a signed copy for your records.

If you feel that you have a consumer complaint which you are unable to solve, please write to the District of Columbia Office of Consumer Affairs, 1407 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, or call the office at 629-2618.



March FBA Meeting

The March 29, 1976, FBA meeting was opened with a discussion of the Intrigue Hotel and Restaurant's liquor license retention. Several complaints were voiced regarding the noisy delivery trucks, which park on the New Hampshire Avenue median strip, loud customers, and glaring spotlights on the "Intrigue" sign which bothers nearby neighbors. Compliments were also paid to the new management for the bar and restaurant renovations and improved food quality. Mr. Harold Nussbaum, the owner of the Intrigue, expressed his views regarding his right to operate a hotel and restaurant in the area, as well as his responsibility and willingness to cooperate with the FBA to make his establishment an asset to the neighborhood. As a gesture of this good will, Mr. Nussbaum asked Mr. Joseph Peterpaul to see him regarding the landscaping of the 25th Street side of the Intrigue Hotel.

Ms. Jane Planck, chairman of the Bicentennial Gardens committee, introduced Mr. Joseph Peterpaul to the FBA members present. He in turn offered his expertise in planning and landscaping members' gardens. Mr. Planck will get back to us soon with details on the Bicentennial Gardens Contest which will recognize merit Foggy Bottom gardens.

FBA President, Bob Charles, introduced the new ANC members present to the association. See elsewhere in this paper for ANC representatives' names.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Sam Smith, author of *Captive Capital*, editor of the "D.C. Gazette", and newly elected ANC member of the Cleveland Park area. His talk included the responsibilities, practical operation, anecdotes, and anticipated programs and benefits surrounding the new ANC neighborhoods.

The parking sticker program status was briefly outlined by chairman Harold Davitt. The earliest we can expect the program and signs in Foggy Bottom is May. (See article).

Dirck Holscher reported on the new townhouses under construction adjacent to Snow's Court. The builder is the Brauner Company. Fourteen 3-story townhouses are scheduled for this area, which will be called Foggy Bottom Court, with condominium-type ownership. One half to one third of these three-bedroom structures will be equipped with parking. Completion date is slated for this fall.

Robert Dickman, Assistant Treasurer for Planning and Construction for George Washington University, and last month's guest speaker, was on hand to further answer questions regarding G.W.'s construction plans in the FB area. He mentioned that G.W. has requested of the D.C. City Council that I St. NW, between 23rd and 24th Streets be permanently closed. A landscaped mall is under design to be built on the old street. No approval has yet been received from the Council. Respectfully submitted by C.B. Schlipf, Secretary, Foggy Bottom Association



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"We also can use volunteer librarians to staff the room for any amount of time they could donate. These volunteers need not be experienced. The help would be keeping records of books checked in and out and simply being in the library so that it could be available for use. They could also reshelve returned books, straighten shelves, etc.. The Reading Center staff has a wide variety of backgrounds and it would be a pleasant situation in which to meet interesting people plus making a very meaningful and necessary contribution to the testing and teaching of our students."

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If you are interested, please contact:

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Foggy Bottom News

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Peg O'Brien
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ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) Meeting Dates

****ANNOUNCING****

A CITIZENS FORUM
sponsored by
FOGGY BOTTOM/WEST END
ANC
APRIL 28

7:30 pm
Metropolitian Hotel
1143 N.H. Ave. NW
lower floor

Among the topics
for discussion will
be West End Develop-
ment and the D.C.
Gov. comprehensive
city development plan.

Tuesday, May 4th
at St. Paul's Church Parish
House, 2430 K Street NW.
7:30 - 10:00 PM.

Tuesday, June 1
at West End Library, 24th
and L Streets, NW.
7:00 - 9:00 PM.

N.B. All notices re ANC
meetings and Public Hearings
will always be posted on the
Community Bulletin Board in
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Please leave messages for the
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ington, D.C. 20037

Medical Emergency Aid

Local governments are con-
tinuing their efforts to estab-
lish an emergency medical
services system through the
Council of Governments, not
only for Metropolitan Wash-
ington but for three Southern
Maryland Counties partici-
pating in this area's system.
Transfer of funds to establish
the area's first coordinated,
metropolitanwide system was
authorized last month by the
Department of Health, Educa-
tion and Welfare.

HEW approved the transfer
of \$800,000 from the D.C.
Medical Society's Regional
Medical Program to COG to
establish the emergency sys-
tem. The suggestion that area
local governments, through
COG, develop and coordinate
the system came from several
interested organizations in-
cluding the Medical Society.
The money will pass through
COG to area local govern-
ments.

In the next two years, the
local governments will work
toward developing an emer-
gency system with these major
aims:

- Establishing an easily-
remembered emergency tele-
phone number for instant
access to more than 75
percent of the residents of the
area.

- Making sure all ambu-
lances responding to emergen-
cies include at least two
certified emergency medical
technicians.

- Implementing a basic com-
munication system throughout
the region to coordinate dis-
patchers, ambulance techni-
cians and emergency depart-
ment personnel.

- Conducting an assessment
of hospital care and treatment
capabilities to provide for
more rapid and coordinated
emergency treatment. Physi-
cians will help identify those

hospitals which can adequately
diagnose and stabilize ac-
utely ill or injured patients.

- Conducting training pro-
grams for those who will
provide and use the system—
including upgrading the skills
of personnel who respond first
to emergency medical scenes.

- Evaluating current police
and fire "mutual aid agree-
ments" to determine if any
additions or revisions are
necessary. More specific a-
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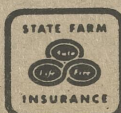
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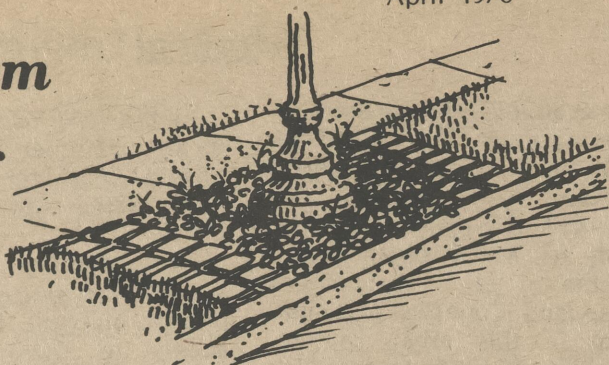
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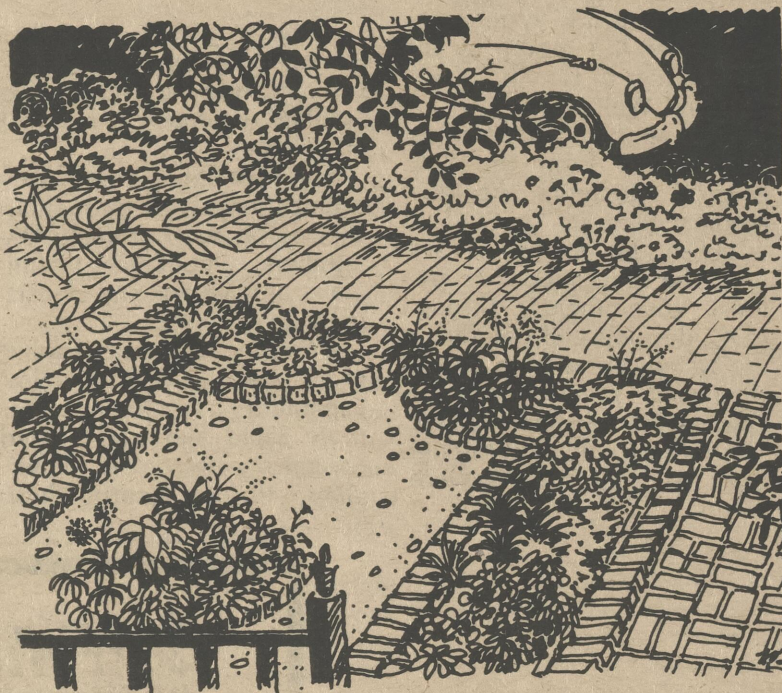
THE FOGGY BOTTOM Farmer

The beautiful Japanese Maple in the sidewalk tubs at the Washington Circle Pharmacy still show the white, chalk-like attachments that harbor the scale insects that heavily infest Foggy Bottom plants. It's too late for the dormant spray, but not for the insecticide—"Sevin". Follow the directions on the label, "Doc".

The "curbside" garden at 916 25th St. is one of the happy solutions to the difficult to maintain tree spaces between curbstone and sidewalk. Last year's riot of color and the vigor of growth of the plants there attest to the potential of transforming a hostile environment to a congenial plant habitat.

There are numerous "common sense" principles that may be applied in transforming tree areas to equally effective curbside gardens.

The 8 inch wide curbstone combined with a brick edging will provide a 16 inch wide curbside walkway to parked



cars, and in so doing, protects flowers, groundcover, grass or gravel.

The grass that requires trimming about light poles,

fire hydrants, trees and under mail delivery boxes can be replaced with colorful gravel, marble chips and bark—and also edged with brick.

In order to make the walkway solid under foot, underlay it with a 4 inch foundation of concrete topped with a 1 inch bed of sand and cement. Mr Peterpaul can do it for you or deliver the materials and give instructions.

WILLIAM S. LATTIN

A Follow-Up On Scale

By Joseph Peterpaul

The problem most common to gardens in the Foggy Bottom area is the infestation of Scale insects. The insect, 1 cm. in diameter and white in color, attaches itself to the stems and branches of evergreen shrubs. Their most common host are species of the Holly family.

Scale nourishes itself by feeding on sap from the shrub. The harmful effects are not immediate, but if left untreated, the scale will multiply to the point that they will coat the entire plant. Aside from choking off the plant, the insect secretes a substance which provides a medium for fungus to grow. If the shrub is in a weakened state, the

fungus too can prove harmful.

If the infestation is light, it is best to pick the scale off by hand; making sure that they are destroyed afterwards. In more severe cases, spraying is necessary. Malathion and Sevin are the insecticides recommended for use. Directions are printed on the label.

To test the spray's effectiveness, split one of the Scales in half. If alive, its inner body is bright red. If dead, it will be a rust brown color. Spraying should be done at two week intervals if not effective the first time.

It is important to note that control of this insect must be a community effort, for Scale is easily transmitted from one yard to another.

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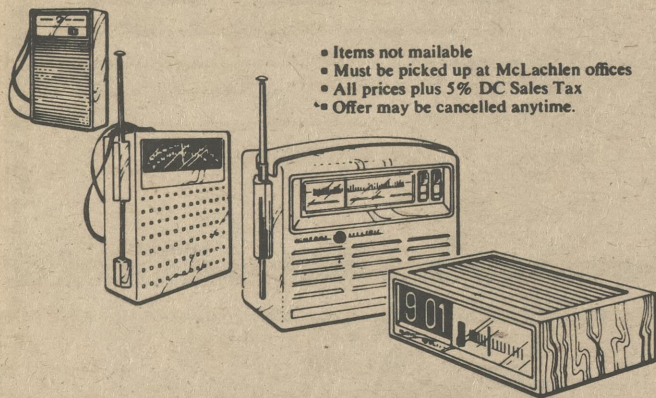
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